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1. The PO-2, Soviet single-engine biplane trainer and liaison aircraft, was first received by the Rumanian Air Force in September 1949. These aircraft were brought by Soviet pilots to Tecuci Airfield and re-issued to Rumanian air regiments. As of March 1952, every Rumanian air regiment had at least one or two PO-2 aircraft.

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2. The YAK-11, Soviet single-engine advanced trainer, was believed to have been received by the Rumanian Air Force in 1949.

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3. The five LA-9's, five IL-2's, four TU-2's, two TU-6's were ferried by Soviet pilots in July 1950 from the USSR to Buzau Airfield. In late July 1950, the above mentioned aircraft flying over this airfield and later heard that on this flight the planes had landed at Tecuci Airfield.

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Other Rumanian pilots simultaneously received similar training on the LA-9's and IL-2's.

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4. the YAK jet was received by the Rumanian Air Force during the Fall of 1950. the first Rumanian jet fighter regiment started training at Ianca Airfield during the Spring of 1951.

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the first shipment of MIG-15's was expected by the Jet Fighter Division at Ianca Airfield during the Spring of 1952.

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